

February 18, 2022 – Daniel Bulford Security Brief

During the morning hours, Daniel stood among the protestors at the Rideau and Sussex corner, East of the Senate building. He plead with the Ottawa Police Emergency Services Unit to say no and refuse to use force against peaceful protestors. The Police would surge forward, taking ground, with no active resistance from the protestors that he observed. At approximately 12:30, he departed the protest line to speak at a press conference at the Lord Elgin Hotel. After the press conference, his wife showed him a text message she had received from a neighbour that the news was reporting the Police were looking for him to arrest him.

At approximately 13:30, Daniel presented himself to the RCMP at the corner of Rideau and Sussex. He said that he heard they were looking for him, and he was there to turn himself in. He was arrested, chartered, and warned for Mischief as he was escorted to the arrest line between the Westin Hotel and the Shaw Centre. He stood in the arrest line for approximately two hours before handover to the Ottawa Police.

During the time he was standing in the arrest line, the Toronto Police Mounted units road past him, toward the Daly Avenue underpass. He observed that the last rider on the right flank was having difficulty controlling their horse. The horse was lurching with a partial sideways motion, out of formation. He saw that the rider was trying to make the horse proceed forward, while also pulling back on the reins and bridle in the horse's mouth. He said to the RCMP officer that arrested him that the rider was confusing the horse, trying to make it go forward and stop at the same time.

Eventually, he was turned over to the Ottawa Police hand-over team, and transported to the Ottawa Police cell block in the Elgin street HQ. At approximately 17:00, he was lodged in the OPS Cellblock. He was advised that he was being investigated for mischief, disobeying a court order, and obstruction. He was searched and provided an opportunity to speak with a Criminal Defense lawyer, before being lodged in cells.

At approximately 23:50 he was removed from the cell and met by Detective Chris Benson and another unidentified Detective. The Detectives escorted him upstairs to an interview room. Detective Benson asked him why he was there, and he responded because he had been arrested for mischief, disobeying a court order, and obstruction. Detective Benson asked him if he had asked to be arrested. Daniel told him about the message received from the neighbour on his wife's phone, and how he presented himself to the RCMP, and was arrested. He advised that he was not being charged, he wasn't going to interview him, and that he was being released. He also said that the situation in Ottawa needed to end, and Daniel replied that he agreed. He told Daniel that many people had been hurt during the day, and Daniel asked from which side. He said people from both sides, and Daniel replied that the message had been to remain peaceful no matter what. He said he didn't know if everyone had remained peaceful through-out the day, then he escorted Daniel to the front door.

On his walk from the OPS HQ, Daniel spoke with an RCMP officer on Elgin Street. Daniel asked about injuries, and he replied that he had only heard about the horse trampling incident. He said that there was conflicting information about the woman's injuries, and that she was believed to be ok. Daniel asked two OPP Officers at a checkpoint if all of them were ok today, and they replied that they were all good. Daniel asked an Ottawa Police Officer the same question and received the same response, that they were ok. Id have his back far more than any politician ever would.